

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/030,225

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 06/21/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 4-6, 19-22, and 24-26 renumbered as 1-11.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 09/20/2004
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 9/14/2005.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Matthew Mulkeen on 09/14/2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims-

4. (Currently amended) A vector into which the polynucleotide ~~according to~~ of claim 1 is inserted.
5. (currently amended) An isolated ~~transformant~~ transformed host cell comprising the polynucleotide ~~according to~~ of claim 1.
6. (currently amended) A method for producing a protein comprising ~~cultivating~~ culturing the ~~transformant~~ transformed host cell ~~according to~~ of claim 5, under conditions sufficient for the production of the protein, and collecting the protein from the culture.
19. (Currently Amended) An isolated ~~transformant~~ transformed host cell comprising the vector ~~according to~~ of claim 4.
20. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a protein comprising ~~cultivating~~ culturing the ~~transformant~~ transformed host cell ~~according to~~ of claim 19, under

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conditions sufficient for the production of the protein, and collecting the protein from the culture.

25. (Currently Amended) A vector into which the polynucleotide ~~according to~~ of claim 21 is has been inserted.

26. (Currently Amended) An isolated ~~transformant~~ transformed host cell comprising the polynucleotide ~~according to~~ of claim 21.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

2. Applicant's amendments of 06/21/2005 have been entered in full. Claims 2,3, 7-18, and 23 are cancelled. Claims 1, 4-6, 19-22, and 24-26 are pending. The claims have been amended to overcome the claim rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(a), of record.

3. The provisional double patenting rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101, set forth in the Office Action of 03/22/2005, is withdrawn because the conflicting claims in copending Application No. 10/305,278 have been amended so as to obviate the rejection.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel C Gamett, Ph.D., whose telephone number is 571 272 1853. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brenda Brumback can be reached on 571 272 0961. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571 273 8300.

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